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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 previously presented for examination remain in the application. No claims have been amended, canceled or added.

Applicants acknowledge the reminder in the Office Action that the application has been filed with informal drawings and that formal drawings are